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# COWEE'S GLADIOLI



## 1912 Price-List and Guide to Varieties

**PEACE—The Grandest of All Gladioli.** One of the famous Grofi Hybrids, and the nearest to a pure white yet obtained. Because of its wonderful purity, and the prominent place which it is bound to take wherever grown, it was given the international title, "Peace."

The plant is of massive proportions, striking and attractive. The broad, heavy foliage is rich green, erect and vigorous in habit, evidence of a constitution which is rare in light hybrids. Its unusual reproductive powers, by offsets and division, give further evidence of its vigor. Corms often weigh four ounces, and produce plants five feet high before the spike appears.

The flowers are large, of perfect form, and correctly placed on a heavy, straight spike. They are white, of rare purity, with pale lilac feathering on the inferior petals. It is not too much to claim for it the distinction of being the grandest variety ever offered. No lover of the Gladiolus who has once seen Peace will ever be without it in his garden.

For cutting and for decorative work, Peace is unapproached. It is a splendid keeper, never failing to open every bud, if kept in water. In order to widely introduce this splendid gladiolus, I am, this season, making a great reduction in price. Fine selected bulbs, \$3 per doz., \$25 per 100, \$84 per 500, \$140 per 1,000.

**ARTHUR COWEE : Meadowvale Farm : BERLIN, N. Y.**



# Cowee's Superb Collection of the World's Best Named Gladioli



Gold Medal Collection

## COWEE'S GOLD MEDAL COLLECTION

### Groff's Extra-Select Gladioli

In the preparation of this collection over 600 named varieties were discarded. Every desirable section is represented—Gandavensis, Lemoine, Nanceianus, Blues and New Hybrids. The flowers are of largest size in their respective types, and plants of great vigor and vitality. No better value could be desired. The Gold Medal Collection is offered in lots of 25, 50, 75 and 100 bulbs or upwards. Every collection is separately prepared, and in orders of 1,000 or more bulbs few duplicates will be found.

Postpaid, 25 bulbs \$3.25, or 50 bulbs \$6.25. Express collect, 100 bulbs \$12. No order accepted for less than 25 bulbs. If by express, 25 at 100 rate.

## THE GOLD MEDAL COLLECTION IN COLOR SECTIONS

These are especially select collections of new hybrids, prepared from the cream of the world's named

introductions; Gandavensis, Lemoine, Nanceianus. In making up these collections, several hundred varieties, many possessed of great merit, were discarded.

No order for less than 25 bulbs accepted. If by express, 25 at 100 rates.

1. **Selected New Dark Hybrids.** All shades and combinations of red, scarlet, and crimson. Quality the very highest. Postpaid, 25 bulbs \$2.75 or 50 bulbs \$5.25. Express collect, 100 bulbs \$10.
2. **Selected New White, Light and Yellow Hybrids.** No equal value offered elsewhere or otherwise obtainable. Postpaid, 25 bulbs \$3.25 or 50 bulbs \$6.25. Express collect, 100 bulbs \$12.
3. **Selected New Blue Hybrids.** Not offered elsewhere in the world (no smoky or slate-blues). Postpaid, 25 bulbs \$4, or 50 bulbs \$7.75. Express collect, 100 bulbs \$15.

## COWEE'S WORLD'S FAIR COLLECTION

### Groff's New and Rare Gladioli

Expensive named varieties have been selected for this collection without regard to cost. It includes many high-class novelties of recent introduction and the cream of high-quality Gladioli of extra-choice type. It is impossible to describe the intensity of color, combined with striking and unusual markings, in the World's Fair Collection. The flowers are of exceptional size and the shades are of red, scarlet, crimson, cerise, yellow, blue and light colors, all of the purest quality. I have given special attention to growing the varieties included in this collection, and I am sure you will be pleased with the size of the bulbs, the beauty of the flowers, and the strength of the plants. Postpaid, 25 bulbs \$5.25, or 50 bulbs \$10.25. Express collect, 100 bulbs \$20. No orders accepted for less than 25 bulbs. If by express, 25 at 100 rate.



### COWEE'S "IMPERIAL" TWO-DOLLAR COLLECTION

For this collection I have selected six of the very largest and finest kinds of new Gladioli. One extra-choice bulb of each of these new introductions will be sent by mail, postpaid, for only \$2.

**Peace.** The grandest white ever offered. (See p. 1.)

**La Luna.** Buds open as a pale yellow, passing to white when expanded. Throat is beautifully marked brown. Plant over three feet high.

**Dawn.** Strong, vigorous plant over four feet high. Flowers salmon, shading to white, claret stain on inferior petals.

**Blue Jay.** Best blue variety ever offered. The pronounced blue, relieved by white shading, strikingly resembles the coloring of the bird from which it is named. Plant vigorous, often six feet high. Flowers large.

**Victory.** Without doubt this is the best yellow. Flowers of medium size, of delicate sulphur-yellow and well arranged on a straight spike.

**Faust.** Deep velvety crimson flowers of large size, arranged on a spike about four feet high. The two lower petals are suffused with white.

### COWEE'S "NOVELTY" DOLLAR COLLECTION

The "Novelty" collection is composed of six fine sorts, selected to cover a rich range of color. For the small sum of \$1 I will send, postpaid, one fine bulb of each of the following named varieties:

**Berlinia.** Beautiful shell-pink, blotched carmine.

**Eldorado.** Clear yellow, spotted maroon and black.

**General de Nansouty.** Rich bluish purple, marked with crimson and lemon-yellow.

**Meadowvale.** A fine white, tinged in throat with crimson, lower petals marked with faint pink.

**Nilreb.** Dainty pink, blending white.

**Taconic.** Bright pink, flecked and striped; lower petals crimson, shading into lemon-yellow.

### COWEE'S SUPERB DOLLAR COLLECTION

The six named varieties in this collection have been selected for their large size, rich colors and vigorous habit of growth. For only \$1 I will mail, postpaid, one strong blooming bulb of each of these six Gladioli:

**Baron Hulot.** Dark violet bordering on blue.

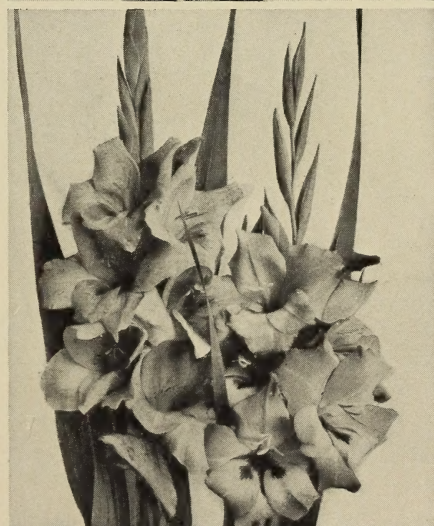
**Giant Pink.** Large flowers of rich pink, lower petals marked with dark red.

**Jane Dieulafoy.** Creamy white, lower petals stained maroon.

**Mephistopheles.** Flowers large, dark red stained with black and yellow.

**Rosella.** Beautiful light rose, stained purple and white.

**Scarsdale.** Pink-lavender, shading to rich rose.



Upper illustration, Blue Jay; middle, Berlinia; lower, Scarsdale



### TEN NAMED GLADIOLI FOR FIFTY CENTS

This is in every sense a real bargain. Each variety is of distinct merit and very desirable. Because of the extremely low price I can allow no changes. For 50 cents I will send, postpaid, one good bulb of each of the ten following varieties:

**Augusta.** White with blue anthers.

**Senator Volland.** Blue, dark violet blotch with yellow stain.

**Brenchleyensis.** Brilliant vermilion-scarlet.

**Eugene Scribe.** Tender rose, blazed carmine-red.

**Gil Blas.** Salmon-rose with red blotch on primrose. Early.

**George Paul.** Deep crimson, slightly stained yellow, spotted with purple.

**Prophetesse.** Pearly white with crimson throat.

**May.** White finely flaked rosy crimson.

**Mrs. Beecher.** Rosy crimson with white throat.

**Snowbank.** Pure white with dot of red.

### COWEE'S MIDWAY COLLECTION

This collection is especially prepared as an intermediate section between the Gold Medal and Silvery Trophy Strains of Pan-American fame and those of a popular character, following all in high types of commercial value. It is prepared from all sections in new named varieties of European origin, which until the introduction of the Gold Medal and Silver Trophy Strains at Buffalo, led the world; also a few of the earlier introductions of Groff's hybrids.

Postpaid, 25 bulbs \$1.50 or 50 bulbs \$2.75. Express collect, 100 bulbs \$5. No orders accepted for less than 25 bulbs. If by express, 25 at 100 rate.

### SILVER TROPHY STRAINS

#### Groff's "World's Best" New Hybrid Seedlings

Only large blooming bulbs are offered.

Of course these are all grown at Meadowvale Farms, and with the one object in mind of giving something that is unusually good—yet at a price that is not so high as to be prohibitive. In the three classifications as given in this list, you have an assortment of colors that will make a most charming grouping in any part of your garden. Possible variation in colors as here classified, due to out-crosses, will be covered by extra count in filling orders. No orders accepted for less than 25 bulbs. If by express, 25 at 100 rate.

#### 1. Newest Reds, Scarlets and Crimson.

The world's commercial strains offer few equal to and none better than these. Postpaid, 25 bulbs \$1.00, or 50 bulbs \$1.75. Express collect, 100 bulbs \$3.00.

#### 2. New White, Light and Yellow.

All shades of white, cream and yellow in many combinations relieved by stains and blotches of rich colors. Postpaid, 25 bulbs \$1.25, or 50 bulbs \$2.25. Express collect, 100 bulbs, \$4.

#### 3. Rare Blues, in Clematis, Lilac and Heliotrope Shades.

New Hybrids of Papilio Major, practically unknown. No such seedlings offered elsewhere. Postpaid, 25 bulbs \$1.50 or 50 bulbs \$2.75. Express collect, 100 bulbs \$5.



Silver Trophy Strain of Gladioli





A Mixture of Choice Gladioli

## Cowee's Famous Select Named Gladioli Chosen as the Very Cream of the World's Best Varieties

If by mail, add 25 cents for packing and postage for either 25 or 50 bulbs. If by express, 25 bulbs at 100 rate, 250 at 1,000 rate.

**Afterglow** (Groff's). Tall-growing. Flowers large, salmon-fawn with violet center. \$1 each, \$9 per doz.

**America**. Soft lavender-pink, almost a tinted white. \$5 per 100, \$40 per 1,000.

**Attraction**. Dark, rich crimson with white center and throat. \$6 per 100.

**Augusta**. Pure white with blue anthers. \$2.50 per 100, \$20 per 1,000.

**Baron Hulot**. Dark violet bordering on blue. \$15 per 100.

**Berlinia**. Beautiful shell-pink, flaked with spots of darker shade. \$5 per doz.

**Blue Jay** (Groff's). Best blue offered. Vigorous, tall, handsome. 50 cents each, \$5 per doz.

**Brenchleyensis**. Brilliant vermilion-scarlet. \$1.50 per 100, \$10 per 1,000.

**Butterfly**. Shaded mauve; lower petals garnet with spot of canary. \$15 per 100.

**California**. Deep lavender-pink, white throat markings. \$20 per 100.

**Canary Bird**. Fine light yellow. \$7 per 100.

**Ceres**. White, spotted with purplish rose. \$1.50 per 100, \$12 per 1,000.

**Claude Monnet**. Violet, three lower petals marked with crimson. \$15 per 100.

**Contrast**. Intense scarlet with white center. Very striking. \$20 per 100.

**Cracker Jack**. Variety dark red, throat spotted with yellow and maroon. \$20 per 100.

**Cremilda**. Delicately tinted pink on creamy white background. \$15 per 100.

**Dawn** (Groff's). Delicate salmon, shading to white inside, claret stain on inferior petal. 75 cents each, \$7.50 per doz.

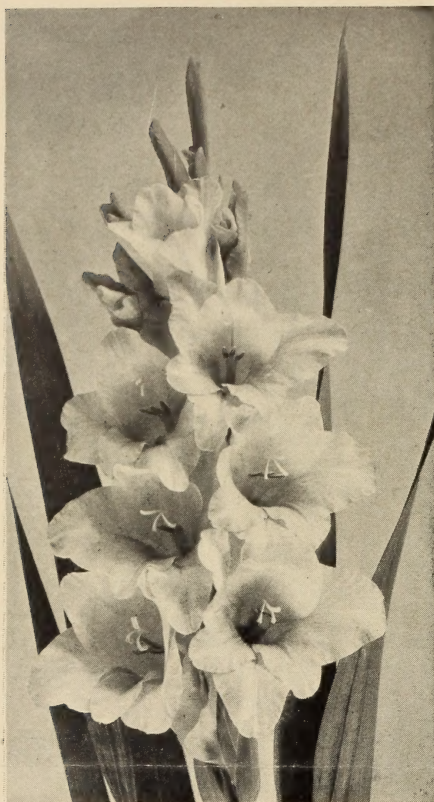
**Dimmock, A**. Delicate salmon, deepening in throat. \$20 per 100.

**Eldorado**. Deep clear yellow, lower petals spotted with maroon and black. \$15 per 100.

**Emma Thursby**. Carmine stripes on white ground. \$3 per 100.

**Eugene Scribe**. Tender rose, blazed carmine-red. \$4 per 100.





Upper illustration, Victory;  
lower, Cracker Jack

### SELECT NAMED GLADIOLI, continued

**Evolution** (Groff's). Spike of vine-like character. Delicate rose, shaded darker. Valuable variety. 50 cents each, \$5 per doz.

**Faust**. Deep velvety crimson, shading lighter on lower petals. 50 cents each, \$5 per doz.

**General de Nansouty**. Bluish purple, throat and lower petals marked with crimson and yellow. \$20 per 100.

**Giant Pink**. Dark pink, throat marked with dark red. \$10 per 100.

**George Paul**. Crimson, stained yellow, spotted with purple. \$10 per 100.

**Gil Blas**. Salmon-rose, red blotch on primrose ground. Early. \$10 per 100.

**I. S. Hendrickson**. Mottled white and bright pink. \$20 per 100.

**Independence**. Light scarlet. Very pleasing. \$5 per 100, \$40 per 1,000.

**Intensity**. Rich light scarlet, lower petals spotted with white. \$20 per 100.

**Jean Dieulafoy**. Creamy white, stained maroon. Flowers large. Nearly all the buds on the long spikes will open after cutting. \$15 per 100.

**Klondyke**. Clear primrose-yellow with blotch of crimson-maroon. \$10 per 100.

**Lady Howard de Walden**. Clear yellow, flaked with carmine. Dwarf. \$20 per 100.

**La Luna** (Groff's). White, small brown markings in throat. Extra fine. 50 cents each, \$5 per doz. See illustration on page 7.

**LaMarck**. Cherry, tinted with orange, blazed with red. \$1.50 per 100.

**May**. White, finely flaked with rosy-crimson. A good variety for the garden and for cutting. \$2.50 per 100, \$20 per 1,000.

**Madam Lemonier**. White with lemon tinge. Very early. \$2 per 100, \$15 per 1,000.

**Madam Monneret**. Delicate rose. Late bloomer. \$2.50 per 100.

**Meadowvale**. Pure white, touched with crimson in throat; lower petals marked with faint pink. \$15 per 100.

**Mephistopheles**. Dark red, stained black and yellow. One of the most striking Gladioli in the list. \$15 per 100.

**Mrs. Beecher**. Rosy-crimson, white throat marked and spotted. \$7 per 100.

**1900**. Rich red with white spots. \$2.50 per 100, \$20 per 1,000.

**Octoroon**. Beautiful salmon-pink. A distinct and attractive variety. \$4 per 100.

**Pacha**. Nasturtium-orange, throat spotted red on sulphur ground. \$10 per 100.



**SELECT NAMED GLADIOLI, continued**

**Pactole.** Yellow, tinged with rose at edges, maroon blotch. \$8 per 100.

**Peace** (Groff's). Best white (see page 1). \$3 per doz.

**Philadelphia.** Dark pink, ends of petals suffused with white. \$15 per 100.

**Princeps.** Rich crimson with white blotches. \$15 per 100.

**Princess Altieri.** White, shaded with carmine. \$15 per 100.

**Prophetesse.** Pearly-white with crimson throat. Early. \$10 per 100.

**Rosella.** Light rose stained purple and white. \$20 per 100.

**Salem.** Salmon-pink, maroon blotches. \$4 per 100.

**Scarsdale.** Pink-lavender, shaded dark rose. \$10 per 100.

**Scribe.** Rose, tinted white and striped with carmine. \$10 per 100.

**Senator Volland.** Blue, dark violet blotch with a yellow stain, striped blue. \$15 per 100.

**Shakespeare.** White suffused with carmine-rose, rosy blotch. Good forcer. \$8 per 100, \$60 per 1,000.

**Snowbank.** White, red stain at base of petals. \$5 per 100.

**Sulphur King.** Clear sulphur-yellow. \$20 per 100.

**Taconic.** Pink, marked with deep crimson and thin stripe of pale yellow. \$15 per 100.

**Victory.** Best yellow yet introduced. (See illustration on page 6.) \$7 per 100.

**War** (Groff's). Deep blood-red, shaded crimson-black. \$1.50 each.

**White Cloud.** Pure white; branching. \$10 per 100.

**Witch.** Mottled red, inferior petals stained white with vein of old gold. \$10 per 100.

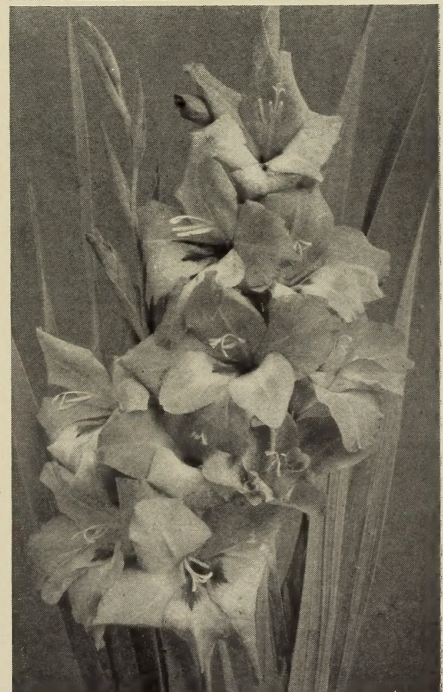
Cowee's Gladioli have brought the joy of the garden to many. Read what some of them say. They will bring that same joy to you.

I wish to add in conclusion that I am more than enthusiastic about my Gladioli. I am giving your stock a test with others; so far nothing that I have surpasses your stock and in but few instances does it equal it.—D. H., Frankfort, Ky., July 11, 1911.

I can give you no idea of the joy and satisfaction your Gladioli have been in our home; they are literally things of beauty and a joy for a long time.—Mrs. E. A., St. Louis, Mich., Feb. 10, 1911.

I am writing to tell you that the Gladioli bulbs that you sent me have been very satisfactory, the flowers are beautiful and the colors and markings fine. They have added much to the beauty of my garden and my pleasure.—B. B., Central Falls, R. I., Aug. 27, 1911.

Last March I sent for your \$1.00 collection and to say I was pleased with results is putting it mildly. The flowers are splendid and all I could wish. The bulbs or corms I got from them are the largest I ever grew.—D. L., McKeesport, Pa., Jan. 30, 1911.



Upper illustration, *La Luna*;  
lower, *Rosella*



## Special and Miscellaneous Mixtures

No orders accepted for less than 25 bulbs. If by express, 25 at 100 rate; 250 at 1,000 rate.

**COWEE'S "NIAGARA" STRAIN.** This mixture is prepared for those who need large quantities at reasonable prices. It contains named white, light yellow, and variegated American hybrids and named Childsi. Postpaid, 25 bulbs 90 cents, 50 bulbs \$1.50. Express collect, 100 bulbs \$2.50.

**GROFF'S HYBRID SEEDLINGS.** Much stock which never originated with Mr. Groff is offered as his hybrids by unscrupulous dealers. Meadowvale-grown bulbs are the pure Groff strain. Large, blooming bulbs, \$1.50 per 100, \$12 per 1,000; second-size bulbs, \$1 per 100, \$8.50 per 1,000; small bulbs, 60 cents per 100, \$4.25 per 1,000.

**MEADOWVALE MIXTURE.** This includes the largest number of magnificent varieties of any popular mixture. First size \$12 per 1,000; second size \$9 per 1,000.

**LEMOINE HYBRIDS.** Includes hundreds of the more modern colors and many novelties. Extra-fine mixed, \$15 per 1,000; fine mixed, \$10 per 1,000.

**NANCEIANUS.** Good variety in colors. \$2.50 per 100, \$20 per 1,000.

**CHILDSI.** Choice selections. \$1.75 per 100, \$15 per 1,000.

### MIXTURES TO COLOR

	Per 1,000		Per 1,000
Extra white and light shades.....	\$15 00	Scarlet and red shades.....	\$10 00
White and light shades.....	12 00	Extra orange and yellow shades....	50 00
Extra pink and rose shades.....	15 00	Orange and yellow shades.....	30 00
Pink and rose shades.....	12 00	Striped and variegated.....	18 00
Extra scarlet and red shades.....	12 00	Botanical Hybrids, Per 100 \$2.....	15 00

If by mail, add 25 cents for packing and postage if either 25 or 50 are desired.

If by express, 25 at 100 rate, 250 at 1,000 rate.

## Directions for Ordering

Order early. Every season, orders reach us too late to be properly executed, on account of the required early planting of some very late-flowering varieties. In filling orders, **no substitutions will be made** unless we are so instructed. Bulbs for greenhouse forcing can be shipped in the autumn after the bulbs are thoroughly cured.

In order to encourage large plantings, all prices quoted are practically wholesale, taking quality into consideration. Excepting the "Imperial," "Novelty" Dollar Collection, the "Superb" Dollar Collection, and the Fifty-Cent Special Collection, I do not accept orders for less than 25 bulbs, which may be selected from as many Mixtures or Named Varieties as desired, and at the price per 100 for shipment via express, charges collect. Upon order for more than 50 bulbs by mail, eight cents postage for each additional 25 bulbs should be included in remittance. Although our mailing size is much larger than is ordinarily used, I advise that, in all cases possible, shipment be made via express, which will permit the sending of larger bulbs. Shipments via express take advantage of my special rate of 20 per cent below the merchandise tariff.

**Special Discount to Seedsman,** or to those ordering in lots of five thousand or more.

**Remittances should accompany all orders** from unknown purchasers, and may be made by postoffice order, express order, New York draft, or cash by registered letter. Postage stamps accepted as cash.

**Carefully sign** your name, giving postoffice, county and state. Address all orders to

**ARTHUR COWEE, Proprietor**

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